



THE BUSY BEE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023

Therapeutics

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Can you believe the summer is already half way gone?! We hope all participants, parents, and caregivers are enjoying their break while it last.

Although we are only half way through the summer, our staff had the pleasure to engage with old and new youth participants, learning new information and going on adventurous field trips around the city. During the month of June, youth participants experienced the immersive, 4D experience of SCADstory. Participants were able to witness the origin story of SCAD, all while being surrounded by animation and impressive designs. Another new and exciting field trip we were able to enjoy was the Savannah Bee Company. Participants and staff geared up in a hat and veil and to tour the bee garden, getting up close and personal with bees in their natural habitat, all while being educated on the history of the company and how honeybees operate. At the end, everyone was able to sample a few of the various honeys that the company

produces. The buzz about our thrilling field trips did not end there! Throughout the month we were able to visit Wild Georgia Safari Zoo, UGA Aquarium, Star Castle (or a little skating and laser tag), River Street Sweets, where we ran into Mayor Van Johnson, and Gray's Reef Ocean Discovery Center. Most Tuesday's were spent having fun in the sun at the pool, while Thursday's we were occupied catching up on cinematic animations. Other activities we engaged in included morning exercise, musical chairs, balloon volleyball, music bingo, along with regular bingo, line dancing, freeze dancing, and keep it up.

In addition to the fun active activities we participated in, we allowed the kids to express themselves in a few different art activities. This summer the youth created Bean Art, completed velvet art, as well as engaged in a paint and sip where they completed collaborative paintings with their peers.

Along with staff led art activities, the Jepson Center provided us weekly visits to learn about their Age of Amor exhibit. Through this project, the youth learned about knights of the Middle Ages and the significance of their armor. The Jepson Center walked our youth through the process of creating their own armor with foil and paint, while using symbols that represented them. At the end of the project, we took a field trip to the museum and visited the Age of Armor exhibit, viewing steel armor and weapons that the knights used, while learning more about their history.

Although the months are flying by, Therapeutics anticipates all the exciting moments that have yet to come!



Star Castle Laser Tag

Ran into Mayor Van Johnson while visiting River Street Sweets





Spotlight

Danette Horton

Danette joined COS Therapeutic program in 1971.

What did you like about the Special Olympics? Meeting new friends and swimming.

What was your favorite part of Therapeutics? The helpful and friendly staff



Dates to Remember No Programming

Special Olympics Fall Games will be held Oct. 6-8.

Halloween Carnival will be held October

Fall Quarter Ends November 3rd

Holiday Dinner Ball will be December 1, 2023.

More information to follow as dates approach

Independence Day (7/4)

Labor Day (9/4)

Special Olympics, Fall Games (10/5- 10/6)

No programming for youth participants(10/9)

GRPA Conference (11/6-11/9)

Field Trip Fun



Star Castle Skating



Wild Georgia Safari Zoo



Star Castle Laser Tag



SCADstory



UGA Aquarium



Community Resources

Looking for an extra curricular activity for your child or client to engage in year round? Check out **Special Kicks** in Pooler, GA. Special Kicks provides martial arts scholarships to individuals with and without disabilities. For more information you can email them at myspecialkicks@gmail.com or call (912)536-9597 or (912)225-4972.

In need of extra support for your senior? Whether it's the expertise of a care team, emotional, and/or financial support, **Careforth** is willing to lend a helping hand. For more information on how they can be of service to you call (833)217-8120 or visit their website, careforth.com.

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Happy Birthday

Chasity W. June 9
Catherine M. June 12
Starla N. June 21
Anthony N. June 23
Olivia W. June 28
Cornighia B. July 8
Cornelia B. July 8

Happy Birthday

Kati G. Sept 16
Trey A. Sept 18
Symphony S. September 19
Karen W. Sept 27
Jason B. October 3
Davina D. Oct 7

Happy Birthday

Paul B. July 11
Sharon D. July 27
DaVontae S. August 15
Martin F. August 19
Nathan C. August 20
Alandria W. September 5

Lorelai H. Sept 7
Messiah B. Sept 8
Rahmell C. Sept. 13
Jahmell C. Sept. 13
Tavares B. August 23
Messiah B. September 8
Wilburn H. Sept. 14

Happy Birthday

Melvin H. November 6
Kamari H. November 8
Kenneth L. November 22
Theresa H. November 29
Sophia S. December 3
Gracie A. December 6
Marilyn M. December 17

Happy Birthday

David W. October 9
Sean H. Oct 15
Shaun M. Oct 26
Paul G. Jr. Oct 30
Jeremy V. Oct. 31
Coach Brown November 4

Happy Belated Birthday

Alvin Hall 4/26

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